

DATE March 18, 2009  
SB 502**Sponsor's Fiscal Note 2011 Biennium**

Bill # SB 502

Title: Environmental Impact Ombudsman

Primary Sponsor: Keane, Jim

Status: As Introduced

- ☐ Significant Local Gov Impact    ☒ Needs to be included in HB 2    ☐ Technical Concerns  
☐ Included in the Executive Budget    ☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts    ☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

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	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2012</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2013</u> <u>Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance</b>	<u>(\$4,000)</u>	<u>(\$4,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** SB 502 creates an Environmental Impact Ombudsman funded by fees paid by the person or organization requiring services of this ombudsman.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS****Assumptions:**

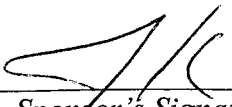
1. Persons applying to a state agency for a permit, license, or other authorization may request the services of an environmental impact ombudsman. These services are not required.
2. The bill requires the Office of Economic Development to develop and maintain a list of individuals qualified to perform these services, and the services would be done on a contract basis by a consultant or consulting firm. The ombudsman is not an FTE. It is assumed that the services would be required at the same level as a full-time employee, although it is impossible to predict how many hours would actually be required, since this is a new function. Regardless, until services are requested and a contract is let, funding is not required.
3. The applicant would be required to pay all fees and costs to engage the contractor. There would be a zero net impact to the Governor's Office budget for the contract costs; the administrative costs of preparing a list of qualified persons to provide the services are estimated to be \$4,000 in each of the first two years and would be paid from the general fund. It is assumed that any fees would be collected by the agency responsible for the environmental impact statement, and that funds would be transferred to the Governor's Office to pay the costs of the ombudsman. However, a new state special revenue account may be required for the Governor's Office to collect and spend the money.

## Sponsor's Fiscal Note

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	(\$4,000)	(\$4,000)	\$0	\$0


  
Sponsor's Signature

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